THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAIVIY) :

(a) Export of textiles during the Just three years were as under :

(In Million US $)

Year	Exports|Provis'onal
1990-91	4652
1991-92	4881
1992-93	5616

* excludes Coir, Jute and Handicrafts.

(Source : Textile Export Promotion Councils)

(b) Government have taken several steps to boost textile exports which include full convertibility of Rupees, allowing import of capital goods at concessional duty for export product'on, participation in Buyer-Seller Meets, Fairs, Ex-hibitipn etc.

(c) Major Importers of Indian Textiles include European Community Member States, USA, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Bangladesh, Japan, Switzerland, Australia etc.

(d) and (e) Acceptance of Ehmkel's proposals are not expected to affect India's textile exports,

METHODS TO IMPROVE FASHION TECHNOLOGY TO TEXTILES GOODS

2702. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state ;

(a) .what are the latpst method* follow-ed Textile Industry to improve fashioin technology for Textile goods;

(b) which is the major exporter among Indian States; and

(c) what ;s the statew'se order of export during the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and so far in 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Some of the latest methods followed by the Textile Industry to improve fashion technology for textiles are as follows :—

(i) Computer Aided Design (CAD) System for creating Printed, Woven and Jacquard design in order to enhance the creativity and productivity of artists through instant generation of new designs, colour changes and colour separat'ons. The System comprises the latest State of the Art Hardware and User-friendly Software.

(ii) Installation of modern high-tech equipments to improve production capacities, Product'vity and Control over quality.

(b) and (c) State-wise export statistics are not ma'ntained in the Ministry.

NATIONAL HANDLOOMS EXPO 1993-94.

2703. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : WiU the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Handloom Expo 93-94 has been organised at New Delhi n recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof with its characteristics ;

(c) whether this Expo represented all States and Union Territories;

(d) if so, deta'ls thareof with criteria for such representation;

, (e) whether Government propose to organise such Expo sitnpltaneously in other States in future; gnd

(f) it so, details thereof and if no, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) National Handloom Expo 93-94 is cur rently being organised at Ramlila Grounds, Ajmere Gate, New Delhi with effect from .3-12-1993 to 4-1-1994. The Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms organises National Handloom Expos in the major metropolitan cities of the country to help the handloom weavers to expose their skills and talents in handlpom weaving and to clear ac-cuniulated stocks piled up with the hand loom agencies. 20 per cent rebate is allowed on all purchases reimbursed equally by the Centre and State Govern ment concerned.

(c) and (d) All State Governments! Union Territories were requested to participate in this Expo. The following 18 Stetes/U.T.s are participating in National Handloom Expo, Delhi :—

Karnatata, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jamnui. and Kashmir, Mabarasbtia, West Bangal, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Assam, Tamanadu, Pondicherry, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan. National Level Organisations participating Jn this Expo are All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. and National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives Ltd.

As per guidelines, the participanta should be either Apex Societies [State Handloom Develgpnient Corporation or Primary Cooperative Societies having an aannal sales-turnover of Rs. 50.(M) lakhs and above. Not more than five Handloonj Agencies from each State are normally allowed to participate in each exhibition on the recommendation of the State Governments concerned.

(e) and, (f). During the current fonan cial year (1993-94), a similar Expo has already been conducted at Ahmedabad in November, 1993. It is proposed to organise such Expos at Kanpur, Pune and Hyderabad. The details are given below : —

1. Kanpur n5-l-94'to 13-2-94)
2. Pune (1-2-94 to 2-3-94)
3. Hyderabad (25-3-94 to 24-4-94)

PACKAGE FOR AILING MILLS OF NTC

2704. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased : to state -.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have finalised the initial package for the revival and modemisa-uon of ailing mills of the National Tex-;iles Corporation ;

(b) if so, the mill-wise details thereoi and if not, the reasons theretori _

(c) whethhe Government propose ask; the workers of different NTC mills to opt for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme; and

(d) Government's reaction i n tha respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI a VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (d) Gov-ermaent have approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC involving, infer-dia, selective modernisation, financial and managerial restructuring and rationalisa-ation ttf sutplus vrorkiorce under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). An outlay of Rs. 532.78 crores for modernisation, Rs. 200 crores for liqiddity, Rs. 689 crores for VRS and Rs. 50 xatores I for retraiining and rehabilitaticm of workers proceeding on VRS has beeo earmarked under the Turn Arouncl Strategy. The mifl-wise details for the revival of NTC shall be decided by the Boand for Indnsfrial and Financial Recontruc-